

 <p>National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <p>Superintendent's Compendium</p> <p>Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.</p>	<p>YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK</p>	<p>P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park Wyoming, 82190</p> <p>307-344-7381 phone 307-344-2136 fax</p>
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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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Introduction to the Compendium

The purpose of the compendium is to provide the public and park employees with a document that lists the special designations, closures, public use limits, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent's authority to implement these provisions is found in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1.5(a). The compendium is available to the public upon request. The compendium will be reviewed and updated annually or as needed to ensure adequate protection of the park's resources, provide for public safety and enjoyment and to address changes in public use patterns.

The provisions found in this compendium constitute only one of many tools designed to manage and protect Yellowstone National Park. It is important to utilize this document in conjunction with Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, which includes the full text of National Park Service regulations, including those authorizing the provisions outlined in this compendium. Chapter I, Parts 1-7, of Title 36, include sections addressing resource protection, public use, recreation, boating, vehicles and traffic safety, commercial operations, and special regulations. These regulations are applicable on all federally owned lands and waters within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park and on lands and waters under the administrative control of the National Park Service. In addition, certain regulations found within Title 36 are applicable on non-federally owned lands under the legislative jurisdiction of the United States. Interested parties may also wish to review Yellowstone National Park planning documents including the General Management Plan, Resource Management Plan, and Commercial Services Plan.

Fines and mandatory court appearances (M/A) for violations of the regulations set forth in the Superintendent's Compendium for Yellowstone National Park are set by the U.S District Court. For a list of fines and M/A's refer to the Yellowstone National Park Bond Schedule.

"Determinations of Effect" are explained in the appendix section (Appendices A-G) and are identified for individual compendium entries by numbers (1-106) preceding each regulation, Parts 1-7.

It is the intent of this compendium, in conjunction with park brochures, maps, signs and other media, to help provide the public and park employees with a clear understanding of park rules and regulations. Any questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Superintendent's Office. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

36 CFR PART 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

36 CFR SECTION 1.2 APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

36 CFR SECTION 1.4 DEFINITIONS

Administrative travel – Travel in vehicles (wheeled or over snow) owned, leased and/or operated by the National Park Service (NPS), NPS authorized concessioners and contractors, and those privately owned/leased by NPS, concessioner, and contractor employees living in the interior. This travel is permitted to ensure protection of park resources, provide visitor services, ensure visitor and employee safety, maintain assets or provide “outside” access for those who live and work in the interior of YNP.

Bear Pepper Spray – Also known as bear deterrent, bear repellent or bear spray. Bear pepper spray is a chemical formula designed specifically to deter aggressive or attacking bears. It must be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and individual states. It must be commercially manufactured and labeled as “Bear Pepper Spray”. Bear spray must contain between 1% to 2% of the active ingredients capsaicin and related capsaicinoids.

Boiling River - That section of the Gardner River where any waters associated with, or originating from the Boiling River thermal system enter the watercourse.

Catch and release - All fish caught shall be carefully and immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

Class A Campground – Campground with flush toilets and running water.

Class B Campground – Campground with vault toilets and/or pump toilets.

Coggins Test – Blood test which identifies Equine Infectious Anemia which is caused by a viral infection that affects the immune system of equine species. Equine species are horses, burros and mules but not llamas.

Core camp - That area of a designated campsite within a 100-foot radius of the fire ring, or when no fire ring exists, that area within a 100-foot radius of the cooking area.

Drainage - The area drained by a river and its connecting tributaries and lakes.

Dropper or drop fly - A second fly attached to a leader.

Drug free school zone - That area within a radius of 1,000 feet of the Mammoth elementary school, the Mammoth Little People's Learning Center and the NPS lands adjacent to the Gardiner public school. (21 USC 860)

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Fly fishing - Only artificial flies may be used to attract and catch fish, regardless of the type of rod or line.

Geothermal area - Any area where surface manifestations of hot springs, geysers, mud springs, fumaroles or warm ground are present.

Lead fishing tackle - Prohibited: Lead split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs (lead molded to a hook) and soft lead-weighted ribbon. Permitted: Lures containing lead such as rooster tails and Panther Martins, cannonballs or downriggers and flies with lead tied to their bodies.

Learner or Instruction Driver's Permit - License or permit secured by a person from his State motor vehicle division that grants the privilege to drive or operate a motor vehicle on the public roadways of the State. Restricted licenses are not valid for snowmobile operation.

Madison Campground Thermal Area - The stream and several geothermal features in and along the banks and bed of the secondary channel of the Madison River adjacent to H loop of the campground.

Off road recreational vehicles (Aka: ATV, All Terrain Vehicle) – A recreational vehicle designed primarily for off-road use which is fifty (50) inches or less in width, has an unladen weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less and is designed to be ridden astride upon a seat or saddle and to travel on at least three (3) low pressure tires.

Pack animals - Horses, burros, mules, ponies and llamas only.

Tributary - Any stream which flows into a river or lake.

Upgrading - The practice of substituting captured fish for fish in possession; usually to keep larger or different fish species.

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36 CFR SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

GENERAL:

1. The Superintendent may temporarily close park roadways, parking areas, facilities, waters, and all or portions of the park when such actions are deemed necessary to ensure public safety, protection of resources, or the avoidance of visitor use conflicts. The posting of signs, maps, media announcements, and the use of barricades and/or gates will identify such closures.

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, the Superintendent has established the following rules, designations, conditions and restrictions on the following park activities: **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Anchoring restrictions in Yellowstone Lake adjacent to Bridge Bay Meadows:

2. Anchoring to the Yellowstone Lake bottom within 300 yards of the shoreline between Bridge Bay Lagoon channel and the Lake Hotel is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Bear Pepper Spray:

3. Bear pepper spray may be carried by individuals within Yellowstone National Park for the strict purpose of protecting one's self or others from bodily harm against aggressive wildlife. It should not be applied to people, tents, packs, other equipment or surrounding area as a repellent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Bicycle Routes, designated:

4. Designated bicycle routes include: **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
 - Mammoth area:
 - a. The abandoned railroad bed paralleling the Yellowstone River between Gardiner & the park boundary at Reese Creek. (5 miles)
 - b. Golden Gate service road between Golden Gate and Joffe Lake. (1.5 miles)
 - c. Mammoth service road beginning at the top of the hill on the Old Gardiner Road above Mammoth running northwest to the telephone microwave station. (1.5 miles)
 - d. The Old Gardiner road (5 miles)
 - e. The Bunsen Peak road. (6 miles)
 - f. Swan Lake gravel pit road, six miles south of Mammoth. (1 mile)
 - g. Obsidian creek campground road, adjacent to the entrance to the Indian Creek campground. (0.4 mile)

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- Old Faithful area:
 - a. The Grand Loop Road from Madison to Old Faithful is closed to public bicycle traffic during the spring bear management closure.
 - b. Lone Star Geyser road from the Grand Loop Road to the geyser parking lot turnaround. (2 miles)
 - c. The paved trail beginning in front of the Lower General Store to Morning Glory pool. (1 mile)
 - d. The lighted employee trail from Bitterroot dorm to the Fire Road. (0.4 miles)
 - e. Daisy Geyser cut-off to Biscuit Basin (abandoned service road). (1.4 miles)
 - f. Fountain Freight road. (3.5 miles)
- Lake area:
 - a. Natural Bridge road near Bridge Bay. (1 mile)
 - b. The old roadbed between the Lake fish hatchery building and the transfer station. (1 mile)
- Tower-Lamar areas:
 - a. Mount Washburn service road, from the Chittenden Road parking lot to the summit of Mt. Washburn. (3 miles)
 - b. Old Chittenden service road, between the Grand Loop Road and the Tower Fall campground. (2 miles)
- West Entrance area:
 - a. Riverside trail from entrance area to Barns road. (1.4 miles)
- Spring/Fall Bicycle Routes
 - a. Mammoth Hot Springs to West Yellowstone

Public bicycling may occur as conditions allow, on the section of the Grand Loop Road between Mammoth Hot Springs and West Yellowstone which may be open after the November wheeled vehicle closure and prior to the April wheeled vehicle road opening in conjunction with administrative vehicular travel. **36 CFR SECTION 2.20, 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1)**

During the Spring/Fall wheeled vehicle closure public bicycling is prohibited on all other sections of the Grand Loop Road subject to the seasonal closures, with the following exceptions:

- Bicycling is permitted on the roadway from Tower Junction to Tower Falls as conditions allow.
- Bicycling is permitted on the roadway south of Tower Falls (Dunraven Pass) beginning the second Friday in May.

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Boiling River:

The following are prohibited:

5. Swimming, wading, bathing, soaking, or in any way entering the Gardner River in the area defined as the Boiling River area except during times that the area is posted as open. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
6. Swimming, wading, bathing, soaking or in any way entering or placing objects in the Boiling River Thermal Channel prior to it's confluence with the Gardner River. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
7. Use of soap, shampoo, conditioner or any other substance while bathing, soaking, etc. regardless of "biodegradable" status of the substance. The use of sunscreen is permitted. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
8. Leaving the designated trail system in the vicinity of the Boiling River area, where fencing and signage prohibit such travel. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Bridge Bay Marina Channel:

9. Jumping or diving off of the Bridge Bay bridge is prohibited. Swimming in the marina entrance channel is prohibited.

Closed waters for motorized vessels:

10. Operating any motor vessel (gas or electric) on waters restricted to non-motorized use only is prohibited unless the motor is tipped out of the water or removed from the transom. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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Commercial Vehicle Travel Restrictions:

11. Commercial motor vehicle permits – Authorization (through the Visitor Services Office) is required for vehicles exceeding the statutory size and weight limits (wider than 8'6" or longer than 75'): **36 CFR SECTION 1.6(g)(1)** Also see compendium # 55. The special requirements shall not apply to the transportation of asphalt products required to repair or maintain roads within Yellowstone National Park.
12. Authorized oversize and overweight vehicles must travel between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
13. The authorized transportation of combustible or flammable petroleum products in vehicles not exceeding the following size will be allowed between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day: Length-30'; width-8'6"; height-13'6"; gross weight- 80,000 pounds. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
14. Authorized vehicles transporting combustible or flammable petroleum products exceeding the above dimensions are required to travel between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day through September 30. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Disturbing Wildlife:

15. Willfully remaining or approaching, photographing, filming or video recording within 100 yards of bears or within 25 yards of any other wildlife or nesting birds or within any distance that disturbs or displaces wildlife or nesting birds is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (a)(2)**
16. Failing to remove one self to the prescribed distances in non-developed areas during inadvertent or casual encounters with wildlife is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (a)(2)**
17. This rule does not apply to inadvertent or casual encounters with wildlife in developed areas where normal foot traffic is required or essential or in other areas where there is no reasonable alternative travel route. The prohibitions in this paragraph do not apply to persons within a motor vehicle or hard sided building, in compliance with written protocol approved by the Superintendent, when directed by a park employee, in accordance with a permit from the Superintendent or park personnel acting within the scope of approved management or research activities. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (a)(2)**

Dog Sledding:

18. Dog sledding is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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Dunraven Pass Snowmobile Closure:

19. Except for emergency situations or demonstrated administrative need, the Grand Loop Road between Washburn Hot Springs and Tower Falls is closed to snowmobile traffic when snowmobile use is allowed in the park. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5(f)**

Firearms Range Use Limits:

20. The NPS Firearms Ranges are closed to public use, except that the Superintendent may grant permission for use by non-NPS law enforcement personnel in accordance with the park's Firearms Range Use policy. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Firehole Swim Area:

21. Climbing, diving or jumping from the cliffs or from trees in the area known as the Firehole Swimming Area is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
22. The possession of glass beverage containers in the Firehole River swimming area is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Fishing Bridge Jumping Closure:

23. Jumping or diving off of Fishing Bridge is prohibited.

Food in Thermal Areas:

24. The possession or use of food and beverages, except when contained in a pack-like container for carrying purposes, is prohibited in all geothermal areas. Water is not considered a beverage. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Frank Island and Stevenson Island Closure:

25. Frank Island (except the picnic area on the south point) and the south end of Stevenson Island are closed to public use between May 15 and August 15. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Grand Canyon Off Trail Use:

26. The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is closed to off-trail travel, including climbing, between the Chittenden Bridge and Silver Cord Cascade. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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Introduction of non native or invasive species:

27. It is illegal to knowingly transport on park roads/trails or introduce any non-native or invasive species by angling equipment, or to launch a boat or trailer in park waters with these species attached. Non-native or invasive species may include aquatic plants, animals and micro-organisms. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Landing areas, prohibited:

28. Within 25 feet of any geothermal area. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
29. On the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake between Little Thumb Creek and the south end of the West Thumb geothermal area. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
30. At sensitive wildlife areas as designated by signs or as posted on maps in visitor use areas. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Midway Firehole River Closure:

31. The Firehole River is closed to swimming, bathing and fishing 200 yards upstream and 200 yards downstream from the bridge connecting Midway Geyser Basin and the adjacent parking area. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Obsidian Cliff:

32. Entering, climbing, walking, accessing or collecting archaeological or mineral samples, specimens, or materials in the Obsidian Cliff area is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Off-road Recreational Vehicles:

33. The operation of off-road recreational vehicles, also known as All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), is prohibited within Yellowstone National Park, including on or along paved roadways. This prohibition also applies to off-road recreational vehicles that are licensed for on-road or highway use by a state government. Also included under this prohibition are vehicles that meet the physical definition of an off-road recreational vehicle as defined in section 1.4, but are considered by certain states as "motorcycles" once they have been licensed for highway operation. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
34. Off-road recreational vehicles may be allowed for administrative purposes, such as fire control, search and rescue, law enforcement, resource management activities, power line maintenance and snow removal from residential driveways and sidewalks when approved by the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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Official Use in Closed Areas:

35. Areas closed to the general public because of resource management or research activities may be entered by persons or groups led by authorized park employees or park agents, as approved by the Chief Ranger, if such entry and use does not compromise safety, environmental, scenic, natural or cultural values. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Pets Prohibited in Nondeveloped Areas, Boardwalks and Trails:

36. Pets, including dogs, cats and other domesticated or agricultural animals are prohibited in non-developed areas, boardwalks and trails. The prohibitions in this paragraph do not apply to animals such as service animals, riding stock or pack animals, persons in compliance with written protocol approved by the Superintendent or in accordance with a permit from the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Quiet Hours:

37. Quiet hours in all campgrounds, backcountry campsites, developed areas and parking areas (including cabin, hotel and employee areas) are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Quiet hours for the use of generators (allowed only in Mammoth, Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Grant Village and Madison campgrounds), are from 8:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. Portable or fixed motors or any type of noise producing machine or activity which creates unusual noise or unreasonably disturbs other visitors or residents is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Road Closures:

38. Service Roads are closed to non-official vehicle use: All service and administrative roads are designated by signs and/or locked gates. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Winter season road closures and restrictions:

The following roads are closed seasonally to vehicles. Actual closure dates will depend on weather and road conditions:

39. Between the first Monday in November and spring road opening(s) in April and May, the Grand Loop Road is closed to public wheeled vehicle traffic. The portion of the Grand Loop road from Mammoth Hot Springs to the Tower Junction and the Northeast Entrance road to Cooke City remain open to wheeled vehicle traffic year round as weather and conditions permit. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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40. During the winter use season park roads open to over snow vehicles will be closed to all commercial traffic between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. except pursuant to a special use permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her representative. Administrative travel necessary for park operations is excepted. Opening and closing dates for the winter use season are set annually. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
41. The following side roads will be open to snowcoaches as conditions allow: North Canyon Rim Drive, Riverside Drive, Canyon Junction to Washburn Hot Springs Overlook, Virginia Cascades Drive, Fountain Flat Road, and Firehole Canyon Drive. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
42. Snowmobiles are allowed on the Lake Butte Road. The Firehole Canyon Drive is open to snowmobiles (and snowcoaches) from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
43. Permitted operators may be required to delay or cancel trips into YNP if the NPS determines that park roads are unsafe or unsuitable for access by oversnow vehicles. Roads may close on short notice if unsafe conditions exist. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

SCUBA:

44. SCUBA diving or snorkeling is prohibited in the Yellowstone River from the Yellowstone Lake outlet downstream for one mile. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Speed Limits on Lakes:

45. Maximum speed limit for all vessels on lakes open to motorized boating is 45 mph or as otherwise posted by markers or as specified in boat permit rules. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Sylvan Pass Avalanche Area Restrictions: :

46. Entering the Sylvan Pass avalanche control area is prohibited. Specific closed areas are designated by on-site signs and maps at the East Entrance and Lake Ranger Stations. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Telemetry:

47. The possession or use of any radio electronic signal receiving device set at, or capable of being set at, the frequencies assigned to the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interagency Bear Management Team, or any other permitted wildlife research operation within the exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park for the purpose of tracking or monitoring the location or travel routes of wildlife equipped with radio transmission collars or tracking devices is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

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Vessel Size Limits:

48. No vessel 40 feet or more in length shall be placed in or operated upon waters within the park. This paragraph shall not apply to permitted concession operated sightseeing vessels. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f), 36 CFR SECTION 3.6 (I)**

Vessel Storage:

49. Persons authorized to live in the park during the non-boating season may store vessels and related equipment at locations designated by the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Wildlife Management Area Closures:

50. Visitor use may be limited in areas and on trails identified by on-site signs and/or by maps posted in the Superintendent's office. Area use may be adjusted seasonally and at varying restrictive levels depending on wildlife activity and/or available food. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**
51. Grizzly Bear Management: The administrative activities conducted by Yellowstone National Park, or its agents, relative to the management and handling of grizzly bears (*Ursus arctos horribilis*), and their habitat, will be in accordance with guidelines, procedures, and rules described in the "Final Environmental Impact Statement, Grizzly Bear Management Program" and "Yellowstone National Park Annual Bear Management Plan," and, upon de-listing of the species from *Threatened Status* by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in accordance with the "Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Greater Yellowstone Area" pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(a), 36 CFR 1.7(b) 1.2 (d), and 36 CFR 2.10(d).

Violation of above closures, designations, uses or activity restrictions or conditions, schedules of visiting hours, or public use limits of this section is prohibited.

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36 CFR SECTION 1.6 PERMITS

Engaging in the following activities without first obtaining the required permit is prohibited. An application for a permit should be submitted to the Superintendent during normal business hours.

Camping Permits:

52. A permit is required to camp within Yellowstone National Park.
36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)

Cave Entry Permits:

53. Entering caves, pits or sink holes which are the result of thermal and/or seismic activity is prohibited without a written permit from the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)**

Commercial Backcountry Trail Use:

54. Park trails and backcountry areas shall not be used by individuals or parties packing, carrying or hauling materials or supplies for commercial or private hunting camps or other commercial activities based outside the exterior park boundaries without a written permit from the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)**

Commercial Vehicle Permits:

55. Authorization is required for vehicles exceeding the statutory size and weight limits (wider than 8'6" or longer than 75'). Authorization may be obtained through the Visitor's Services Office in Mammoth Hot Springs. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1), 36 CFR 7.13a(4)**. See Section 1.5 of this document, entries 11-14, for use restrictions and limits.

Cooke City Resident Permits:

56. Cooke City area residents are required to display a decal issued by the Superintendent on their personal vehicles to allow convenient non-fee entrance into the park. This decal will be issued at the Northeast Entrance Station and will allow travel only between the North and Northeast Entrances. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)**

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Fishing Permits:

All individuals fishing within the exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park are subject to following the most recent fishing regulations. This is particularly important during special closures implemented to protect park resources.

57. Anglers 16 years of age or older must purchase and possess a Yellowstone National Park fishing permit to fish in the park. The permit is valid only when signed by the permittee and is non-transferable. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)**
58. Anglers under 15 years of age have two options:
 - Children 15 or younger may fish without a permit if they are fishing under the direct supervision of an adult who has a valid park fishing permit. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1)**
 - Children 15 or younger may obtain a free permit that must be signed by a responsible adult; with this permit, a child can fish without direct adult supervision. **36 CFR SECTION 1.5 (f)**

Transport Carcasses/Animal Parts:

59. As authorized in section 2.2(d), game animal carcasses or animal parts may be transported through the park on park roads in or on a motor vehicle when the carcass is wrapped or otherwise covered so as to not be visible, when accompanied by a park permit and a marked, valid state tag as evidence that the animal was taken legally outside the park. Carcass(s) must be transported from the entrance gate to the exit gate in the most direct route and are not allowed overnight in the park. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1), 36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(2)**
60. Game animals or animal parts may not be transported through backcountry areas or on backcountry trails anywhere in the park; with the exception of the Mountain Creek and Skyrim trails as described in the section above, when a permit has been issued. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1), 36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(2)**

Transport Vegetation:

61. Transporting or hauling plant products, plant by-products and plant waste products into or through the park is prohibited, except that State certified weed free hay or hay pellets, hay cubes or grain may be transported or used when permitted by the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(1), 36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(2)**

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Weapons on Boundary Trails:

62. A permit may be issued to individuals to possess weapons on the trail over Eagle Pass known as the Mountain Creek trail as far as, and including, the Dike Creek Cutoff trail and the Skyrim trail for purposes of access or egress from lands outside the park boundaries. On these sections of trail, all weapons must be unloaded and broken down and/or cased and packaged. Off trail travel is prohibited while possessing weapons. **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 (g)(2)**

36 CFR PART 2 – RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE & RECREATION

36 CFR SECTION 2.1: PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

63. Dead wood on the ground may be gathered for use as fuel for campfires at designated backcountry and frontcountry campsites unless prohibited by on-site signs or specific permit restrictions. **36 CFR SECTION 2.1 (a)(4)**
64. Leaving a designated trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway, or to shortcut to an adjacent trail or walkway is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.1 (b)**
65. Edible berries and mushrooms may be gathered by hand for personal daily consumption within the park boundaries. Gathering edible berries and/or mushrooms within the park for the purposes of preserving (freezing) and/or canning are prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.1 (c)(1)**

36 CFR SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

66. The use or possession of wildlife and/or varmint calls, audio attractants or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife (including rattling antlers or verbal bugling or howling imitations) are prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.2 (a)(2)**

Wildlife and/or varmint calls, audio attractants or other artificial or natural means of attracting wildlife may be possessed within a temporary lodging or mechanical mode of conveyance when such implements are rendered temporarily inoperable or are packed, cased or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use. **36 CFR SECTION 2.2 (a)(2)**

67. Viewing wildlife at night with any artificial light, including flash photography, within the exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.1 (e)**

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36 CFR SECTION 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

Camping conditions:

68. Camping in all Class A and B campgrounds is limited to no more than six persons per site. All vehicles must be parked on the campsite parking pad so as to not block or restrict traffic on loops, access roads or main roads. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
69. The intensive Public Use Season Limits (July 1 to Labor Day) established in 7.13 do not apply to the Fishing Bridge RV Park. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
70. Camping in the Fishing Bridge RV Park is restricted to hard sided vehicles only (constructed of solid, non-pliable material). **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
71. Recreational vehicles and hard sided camping units are not allowed in loops G and H of the Madison Campground. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
72. Backcountry camping shall be restricted to conditions established by the Superintendent as listed on the backcountry permit. Deviations from the permit are allowed only when approved by authorized personnel designated by the Chief Ranger or where immediate safety considerations or other major concerns dictate the change. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
73. Horses and pack animals are prohibited in Class A and B campgrounds and other frontcountry trails and visitor areas. The use of horses by patrol rangers and for other administrative purposes is allowed. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
74. Concessions permittees operating in the backcountry must suspend all food, garbage, stock feed, cooking utensils and stoves (except clean and sanitized utensils and stoves), ice chests and any scented articles at least 10 feet off the ground and at least 4 feet from tree trunks at night and/or when not in use or attended. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**
75. In all areas, food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food, when not in use or attended, must be sealed in a vehicle or camping unit made of solid, non-pliable material or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (d)**
76. Generally, the use of bear proof canisters is prohibited. When camping above tree line, and in locations where the appropriate hanging of food is not possible, the use of bear proof canisters may be approved. Individuals wishing to use bear proof canisters must consult with the backcountry permit issuing station and obtain written approval prior to use.

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36 CFR SECTION 2.13 - FIRES

- 77. Open fires are permitted only in designated fire rings, grills, or grates in designated campgrounds, some backcountry campsites and employee residential areas. Self contained gas and charcoal grills are allowed. Charcoal must be fully extinguished and disposed of in a garbage receptacle. **36 CFR SECTION 2.13 (a)(1)**
- 78. Wood fires are prohibited at Shoshone Lake backcountry campsites. **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 (a)(9)**

36 CFR SECTION 2.15 - PETS

- 79. Pets will not be left unattended in areas or in circumstances that they will create a nuisance to other visitors or cause a conflict with wildlife. **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 (a)(3)**
- 80. Pets will not be left in areas where food, water, shade, ventilation and other basic needs are inadequate. **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 (a)(3)**
- 81. Pet owners or responsible persons shall promptly collect and properly dispose of pet fecal matter in appropriate garbage receptacles. **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 (a)(5)**
- 82. The owners or responsible persons of pets impounded for running-at-large or as the result of pet abuse, neglect or cruelty will be charged a minimum of \$10 per day for kennel or boarding costs, in addition to veterinarian fees, transportation and disposal as needed. **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 (e)**
- 83. Domesticated wild or agricultural animals are prohibited unless the owner has a permit issued by the Superintendent and provided that such animals pose no threat to natural or cultural resources. **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 (e)**

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36 CFR SECTION 2.16 - HORSE AND PACK ANIMALS

84. Stock parties shall include no more than 25 animals or fewer when restricted by permit conditions. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
85. Only certified weed-free pellets, cubes and/or grain, but no hay, may be taken into and used in the backcountry. Certified weed-free hay, securely wrapped, may be transported through the park for use outside the park when a permit has been obtained from the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 2**
86. Corrals and drift fences are prohibited. Portable electric fences are allowed but should be moved as often as necessary to prevent resource damage and impact. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
87. Saddle stock parties may travel off-trail except where off-trail travel is prohibited. Pack animals are not allowed off-trail unless no other access is available to a designated camp area. Such off-trail travel routes with pack animals will be specified on the backcountry permit. One support pack animal is allowed for off-trail day trips. Areas closed to off-trail travel will be marked on maps in the Superintendent's office. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
88. Tying stock to any feature resulting in injury or damage to the feature, or vegetation or soil is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
89. Picketed animals shall not be kept w/in 100 feet of trails, campsites or water sources. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
90. Picket pins may be made from dead down wood on site or packed in. Picket pin sites must be moved frequently to prevent overgrazing or other damage to vegetation and the pins pulled from the ground before leaving the campsite. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
91. Stock manure shall be scattered and removed from within a radius of 100 feet around the core camp and from hitching line areas. Excess manure must be removed from trailhead parking and loading areas. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**
92. Lost or dead stock animals within park boundaries will be reported as soon as possible to park rangers. If an animal dies within the park, it will be the owner or responsible person's responsibility to remove the carcass from the park or make arrangements for its proper disposal in a timely manner. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**

Coggins Test Requirement

93. All stock users must submit valid proof of a negative Coggins test performed within the last 12 months. **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 (g)**

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36 CFR SECTION 2.19 - WINTER ACTIVITIES

94. Skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on those park roads closed seasonally to wheeled vehicles (as described in sub-section 1.5(a) of this document). Persons on skis or snowshoes shall use ski trails or designated ski areas where provided along roadways. Where these trails or areas are not provided, skiers/snowshoers, when practicable, should travel only on the left side of the roadway facing traffic and as close as possible to the edge of the roadway. Over snow vehicles on the roads have the right of way. **36 CFR SECTION 2.19 (a)**

36 CFR SECTION 2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

95. The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, roller blades or similar devices are permitted only in NPS housing and administrative areas. **36 CFR SECTION 2.20, 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1)**
96. The above activities may occur on the section of the Grand Loop Road between Mammoth Hot Springs and West Yellowstone which may be open after the November closure and prior to the April wheeled vehicle road opening in conjunction with administrative vehicular travel. **36 CFR SECTION 2.20, 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1)**

36 CFR SECTION 2.21 - SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in the following locations:

97. All thermal areas. **36 CFR SECTION 2.21 (a)**
98. All posted and designated areas, all government vehicles, and non-residential government buildings. **36 CFR SECTION 2.21 (a)**

36 CFR SECTION - 2.34 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

99. Nude swimming, nude bathing or nude sun bathing is prohibited in areas frequented by or in the presence of park visitors. **36 CFR SECTION 2.34 (a)(4), 36 CFR 1.5 (a)(1)**

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36 CFR SECTION 2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

100. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in that part of Yellowstone National Park which lies north of the line from the mouth of the Gardner River directly to the fence bordering the south side of Park Street in Gardiner, MT, and west to where that fence meets the stone wall of the Roosevelt Arch, then along that wall to its western terminus, and from there directly north to the north park boundary. **36 CFR SECTION 2.35 (a)(3)(iii)**
101. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages in or on the Mammoth elementary school buildings and grounds and the Mammoth Little People's Learning Center is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 2.35 (a)(3)(iii)**

36 CFR SECTION 2.61 - RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

102. Residing in the park is restricted to government, concession or contract employees and their families and is pursuant to approval by the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 2.61 (a)**

36 CFR PART 3 – BOATING & WATER USE ACTIVITIES

36 CFR SECTION - 3.1 Applicable Regulations:

103. In addition to the laws, rules and regulations found in the U.S. Criminal Code and Code of Federal Regulations, Yellowstone National Park publishes boating regulations each year. The rules and regulations found in the "Yellowstone National Park Boating Regulations" are hereby adopted as part of this Compendium and all persons inside the Park are subject to abiding by the published boating rules and regulations. **36 CFR SECTION 3.1(a)**

36 CFR PART 4 – VEHICLES & TRAFFIC SAFETY

36 CFR SECTION 4.10 - TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

Off Road Travel:

104. Off road travel by any motorized wheeled vehicle or mechanical means of conveyance, beyond the roadway berm, or one vehicle width from the edge of established roadways is prohibited. **36 CFR SECTION 4.10 (a)**

36 CFR SECTION 4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

Speed Limits:

105. As authorized by the Superintendent the speed limit on U.S. Highway 191, within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park, shall be 55 mile per hour. **36 CFR SECTION 4.21 (b)**

36 CFR SECTION 4.31 HITCHHIKING

106. Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation shall be permitted within Yellowstone National Park except:
- Within two tenths of a mile (0.2mi) of an Entrance Station.
 - Within 200 feet of a school, concession business or park service office building or visitor center.
 - In a residential area where signs exist establishing the area as residential areas only and discouraging public traffic.
 - While holding or having a sign which is larger than 2' by 2' in size.
 - The hitchhiker must stay off of the paved surface of the roadway, though a hitchhiker may stand on pavement if clearly in a paved pullout.
 - Where vehicles may not safely pull off of the main traffic lane into a pullout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for the passengers to be received safely.
 - During the hours of darkness unless hitchhiker is wearing bright (preferably reflectively enhanced) clothing.
 - While under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
 - When hitch hiking behavior is deemed unsafe or a nuisance by Park Staff.
- 36 CFR SECTION 4.31**

36 CFR PART 5 - COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS

36 CFR SECTION - 5.13 NUISANCES

107. Allowing vehicles with diesel engines or any vehicle which produce noxious exhaust to idle, except while actively loading or unloading passengers, is prohibited. This does not preclude vehicles from reasonable warm-up times away from concentrated visitor use or residential areas. In developed areas or parking areas, loading or unloading passengers, engine warm-up or idling is limited to 10 minutes. **36 CFR SECTION 5.13**

36 CFR PART 7 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR SECTION 7.13 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Commercial Vehicle Special Permits, Terms and Conditions

108. Permits are valid for business or commercial travel when the following types and sizes of vehicles are utilized: passenger cars, trucks, sports utility vehicles, or vans which are 1 ton or smaller.
- No trailers of any size or type may be hauled for commercial or business purpose.
 - Permit must be carried within the vehicle and displayed upon request.
 - A permit is required: A permit issued specifically for business or commercial travel is required. Traveling without a specific permit is prohibited under 36 CFR 7.13(a)(5).
 - Other park passes including, but not limited to Annual Area Passes, Golden Age, National Park Passes are not valid for any business or commercial travel
 - Possession or hauling any natural resources including, but not limited to animal parts, fish, or antlers are managed under other park regulation and law (36 CFR 2.1 and 2.2). This permit does NOT permit the hauling of any natural resources.
 - Firearms, weapons, flammable, or any other hazardous material are NOT permitted under this authority.
 - Permit does NOT infer any special privileges. Violating any law, regulation, or rule is still prohibited.

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Molly Islands:

109. Disturbing birds on the Molly Islands in the Southeast Arm of Yellowstone Lake is prohibited. Unauthorized vessels shall not approach within one-half mile of the shoreline of the islands. See notes under "determinations of effect". **36 CFR 7.13 (d)(11)**

Removal of vessels:

110. Between May 1 & November 1, vessels and related equipment may be left only in designated mooring slips or parking areas specified by the Superintendent. **36 CFR SECTION 7.13 (d)(2)**

Employee vehicle permits:

111. Employee motor vehicle permits are valid only while the person is employed within the park and must be surrendered upon termination of employment. Vehicles must be registered and permits affixed to the vehicle within seven days of bringing a vehicle into the park. **36 CFR SECTION 7.13 (b)(1)**

Fishing Regulations:

112. In addition to the laws, rules and regulations found in the U.S. Criminal Code and Code of Federal Regulations, Yellowstone National Park publishes fishing regulation each year. The rules and regulations found in the "Yellowstone National Park Fishing Guide" are hereby adopted as part of this Compendium and all persons inside the Park are subject to abiding by the published fishing rules and regulations. **36 CFR 7.13 (e)(2)**

Hazardous materials transport:

113. A permit is required to transport placarded hazardous materials on park roads. **36 CFR SECTION 7.13 (a)(2)**

Snowmobile Operating Permit:

114. Operating or being in actual physical control of a snowmobile requires a valid driver's license. The responsible person allowing operation or being in actual physical control of a snowmobile by persons too young to possess a valid license may be issued a violation notice under this section. **36 CFR SECTION 7.13 (l)**

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APPENDIX A

Designated area for Public Assemblies, Meetings and the Sale & Distribution of Printed Matter

The specific First Amendment demonstration areas are further defined on individual maps of the locations listed below. Request individual maps by contacting the Visitor Services Office at (307) 344-2115.

Canyon:	Canyon Village parking lot Uncle Tom's (Upper Falls)
Fishing Bridge:	Visitor Center parking lot
Lake:	Lake Hotel parking lot
Madison:	Museum parking lot
Mammoth:	South of Visitor Center
Old Faithful:	Old Faithful developed area
Tower Fall:	Parking lot
West Thumb:	Geyser Basin parking lot

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Appendix B: Part 1 Determinations of Effect

1. For public safety.
2. For resource protection.
3. For public safety and resource protection.
11. A permit is required by regulation and to ensure that operators are familiar with specific road and bridge weight restrictions. Specific information about particular road segments will be provided to the operator with the permit issued by the Visitor Services Office.
52. For public safety and resource protection. The presence of noxious and harmful gases requires appropriate training and equipment to protect entrants from injury. The resources in the caves are fragile and should not be subject to frequent public use.

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Appendix C: Part 2 Determinations of Effect

- 63. For resource protection.
- 64. For public safety and resource protection.
- 65. For resource protection
- 66. For resource protection.

Appendix D: Part 3 Determinations of Effect

- 103. For public safety and resource protection.

Appendix E: Part 4 Determinations of Effect

- 104. For resource protection.
- 105. For public safety and resource protection. More than 100 deer, moose, bears, elk, bison, and wolves are killed each year on Yellowstone roads.

Appendix F: Part 5 Determinations of Effect

- 107. For public safety and resource protection.

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Appendix G: Part 7 Determinations of Effect

108. CFR regulations require that vehicles including trucks, station wagons, pickups, passenger cars, or other vehicles in conjunction with any commercial or business travel be restricted from utilizing park roads. Although other roads are available to these vehicles, traveling through the park significantly reduces the distance. Travel on park roadways is restricted to prevent impacts to park visitors and resources.

Pursuant to Section 1.6 and 7.13(4) the intent of this compendium order is to allow limited use of park roads by vehicles for commercial and business travel for a period of up to three years. By issuing a special use permits and limiting the size of the vehicles, the intent of protecting park resources and maximizing visitor experience may still be achieved. The park will evaluate the impacts during the three year temporary period to ensure that park resources and visitor experience are not impacted.

This order in no way seeks to alter regulations that prohibit commercial travel by any vehicles other than those specified here. Transporting natural resources such as antlers or animal parts would still be prohibited whether for commercial or personal purposes. Likewise the use of the park roads by vehicles larger than one ton or those pulling any size trailer would still be prohibited for commercial or business travel.

Park passes including but not limited to Annual Park Pass, Golden Age, and National Park Passes do not permit entry under this authority. Operating without a special use pass specifically intended for this type of travel is prohibited under 7.13(5). Violating any term or condition of the pass is also prohibited under 7.13(5).

This order would allow a legal means for employees who may be working or traveling for business purposes to pass through the park in either a smaller passenger vehicle or pickup truck.

109. Molly Islands – The compendium entry states a restriction of ½ mile approach distance for protection of Pelican Nesting grounds. The CFR entry, 7.13(d)1, indicates a distance of ¼ mile. Unfortunately boaters have historically been unable to accurately measure the restricted distance. With the ½ mile restriction, the actual ¼ mile protective distance is maintained and consequently the resource is protected. Violation notices should not be issued unless the vessel is within the ¼ mile distance as defined by the CFR.